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EDITORIAL.

THIS number of the BULLETIN goes to our friends with the news of Mr. John D. Rockefeller's latest offer to Ottawa University. We trust that every article will be read with interest by those into whose hands it may fall.

A FULL meeting of the resident trustees and the faculty was held on the afternoon of March 9th. President Riggs gave an account of his eastern trip, and the result of it. It was enthusiastically resolved to enter into the work of meeting the conditions imposed by Mr. Rockefeller. At Dr. Riggs' suggestion the Kansas Baptist Educational Commission, through their chairman, Rev. W. R. Wood, were invited to a conference in Ottawa March 17th. This meeting was attended by all but one of the members of the Commission and several of the Trustees of the University. This Conference made an exhaustive examination of the condition and needs of the University, and heartily endorsed the estimates furnished by the president, and the Educational Commission resolved to make for the University an appeal in its own name to the people of the churches. That appeal may be found in another column,

OUR Library continues to grow. After the fire last September, we made appeals to various publishing houses of the country for assistance in gifts of books and special discounts. These appeals were almost universally answered in a spirit of generosity. Several organizations of the B. Y. P. U. in the state also have made valuable contributions of sets of books, and others are planning to follow their example. A few colleges have kindly sent such duplicates as they could spare from their shelves and many individual friends have remembered us with gifts which have been highly appreciated. The result is that our library will probably be more valuable for working purposes, although containing fewer books, than the one which was destroyed. If it were not for some rare volumes which the former library contained and some valuable recent contributions which had been made to it, we could almost feel reconciled even at this early date for its loss.

Our efficient librarian, Dr. Chandler, and his skillful assistants are engaged in classifying and cataloguing the books as they arrive, so that they will be ready for transfer to their proper places in the new building as soon as it is ready for them. We hope our friends will continue their contributions to the library, as we need all the good books we can get. In the next issue of our catalogue in May we hope to be able to make acknowledgment of all gifts of this character.

MR. ROCKEFELLER and Mr. Carnegie are examples of rich men who do not hoard all they gain but give generously to the public. Mr. Carnegie delights in establishing libraries and giving books to the people. It is Mr. Rockefeller's policy, however, to give particularly to institutions of learning, and in doing so it is probable that he is largely

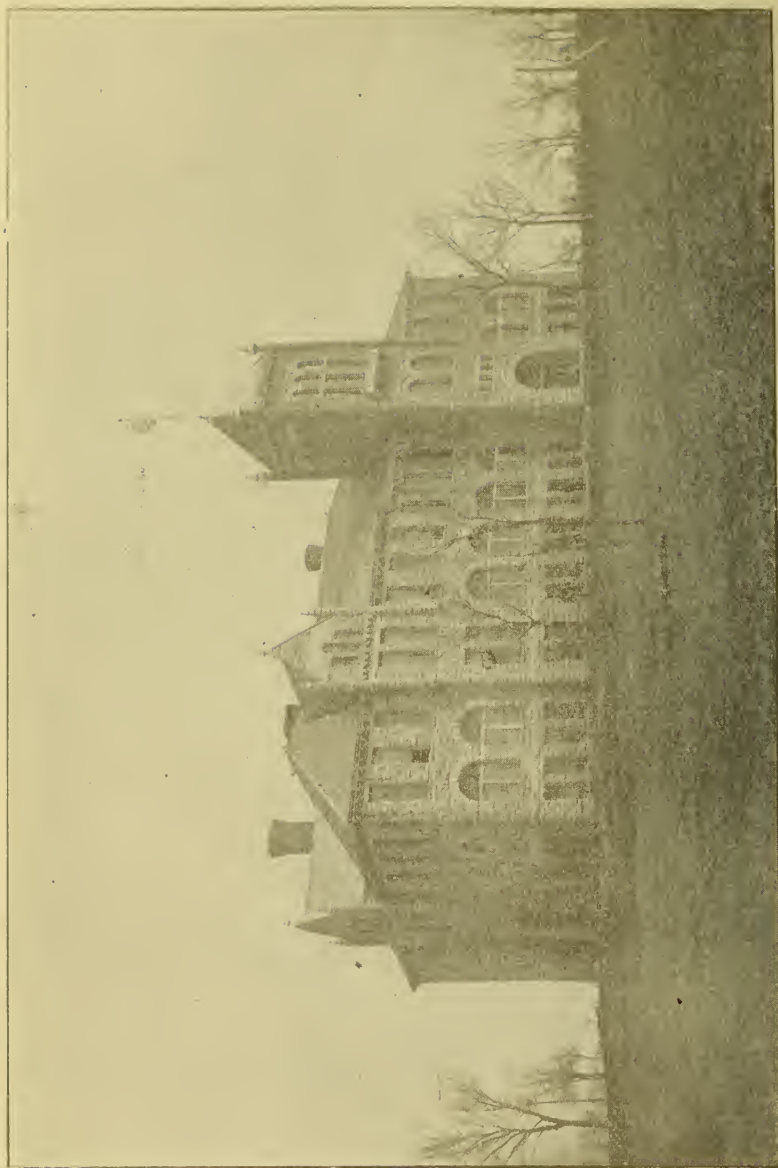
actuated by the principle which evidently dominates him, namely, to put the most of his money in large ventures. Small schools, or rather schools with small endowment, do not appeal to him as strongly as those that have demonstrated a good healthy ability to stand alone. To such schools he gives to increase their facilities. Ottawa has been through some hard experiences, but when in September our new building stands on the campus completed, and we are entirely free from debt, we shall have the right to face the world and proclaim that Ottawa University is a success. While realizing our deep indebtedness to Mr. Rockefeller, we shall also be in condition to ask for further gifts. This is surely Ottawa's greatest opportunity. Let us by enthusiasm and promptness win good opinions from those who have it in their power to do larger things for us.

THE spring term of the University opened on the morning of Wednesday, March 25, with a good enrollment. The year has been one of the best in the history of the University. Notwithstanding the depressing surroundings and the cramped conditions to which they were subjected, faculty and students have been enthusiastic in their work and good results have been achieved. In oratory and in athletics, as well as in the class-rooms, a high standard of excellence has been maintained. The Ministerial Association have had a very successful year together, and the members have brought unusually encouraging reports from their work with the churches which they have served. The Christian Associations and the various societies for Bible study have been greatly blessed. The Literary Societies and the various departments of the University have accomplished good results, and altogether the year has been crowned with blessing. All look forward with confidence to the successful completion of the financial movement just launched, and expect the next year in our new building and with entirely new equipment to surpass any year which our University has yet known.

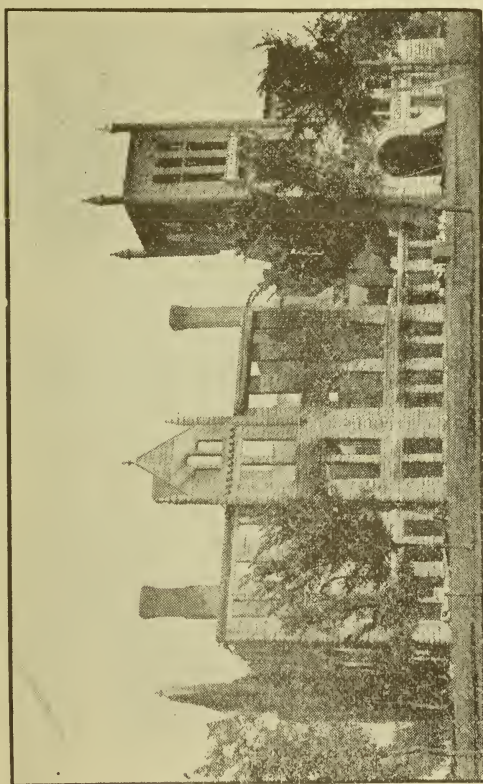
A ROYAL GIFT.

NOW is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this son of York," cried the exultant Duke of Gloucester, and the friends of Ottawa University feel much in the same mood. President Riggs returned from New York last night with the positive assurance that John D. Rockefeller will donate \$25,000 to Ottawa University on certain conditions which it will be possible to meet.

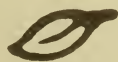
Mr. Gates, Rockefeller's secretary for benevolences, is a shrewd man and a keen questioner, accustomed to going to the heart of things. For nearly three hours he plied Dr. Riggs with the most searching questions in regard to the University, its condition and prospects, and at the end of the conversation announced that Mr. Rockefeller would donate \$25,000 to the University on condition that \$15,000 be raised elsewhere. This fund of \$40,000 Mr. Gates thought would be necessary to place the University on a completely sound basis. He estimated it would complete and equip the



THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING AS IT WAS ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1902.



As it was on the Morning of September 10th, 1902.



new building, pay all outstanding indebtedness and raise the endowment fund to \$100,000.

About February 1st, Mr. Rockefeller announced that for certain reasons of his own he would not extend assistance to the University at this time. Dr. Riggs immediately wrote a strong letter, setting forth additional facts and in reply received a telegram calling him to New York, all of the expenses of the trip to be borne by Rockefeller. The doctor went, he saw, he conquered, but it took hard and intelligent effort to bring about a favorable result.

Dr. Riggs is to be congratulated upon the success of his mission. He accomplished the utmost measure of his hopes and in fact got every dollar it was possible to get as Mr. Rockefeller had definitely decided that under no circumstances would he give more than \$25,000. It was a great triumph for Dr. Riggs.

The task of raising the \$15,000 will be undertaken at once. It will require considerable exertion, but in the lexicon of Ottawa University there is no such word as fail, and Mr. Rockefeller's donation is as good as earned right now.—*Ottawa Republic, March 7.*

THE OPPORTUNITY.

THE statement given in the preceding article contains all the essential facts regarding the recent visit of President Riggs to New York City, and his interview with Mr. Gates, who is Mr. John D. Rockefeller's Secretary for Benevolences. The result of that interview is now well known. In brief, it is that Mr. Rockefeller will give twenty-five thousand dollars to Ottawa University as soon as her friends shall raise fifteen thousand dollars in cash.

This means that for every three dollars we raise he will give us five dollars, so that three dollars given to Ottawa University now, means eight dollars for her.

A gift of \$	6 means \$	16	for the University	A gift of \$150 means \$400	for the University
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We thought after the fire in September last that we faced an emergency. We did; but now, in addition to that, we are facing an opportunity, the greatest in the history of the institution. This is an opportunity to rid the University of debt, to finish and equip a building better than the one we lost, to increase the endowment to more than \$100,000, and to make the institution one of which her friends can be prouder than ever before. The fire and our bearing under it gave us some excellent advertising. The successful and speedy completion of this effort will place our loved University indisputably in the front rank of the colleges of Kansas, and will attract to her support from some who scarcely know her now. Our friends have responded loyally to our calls heretofore, especially during the past

two years, and we would not think of appealing to them now excepting for this opportunity.

Paste the above table in your hat, or carry it in your pocket-book. Tell President Riggs or any member of the board of trustees or of the faculty what you will do. Do not wait to be called on. "Many a mickle makes a muckle," and we want all our friends interested in this latest, greatest movement. Let us pull all together for a splendid success.

LETTER FROM THE KANSAS BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

OTTAWA, KANSAS, MARCH 19, 1903.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF KANSAS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—We, your Educational Commission, appointed at the State Convention at Wichita last October, were called together on March seventeenth to look into the needs of our University at Ottawa. We find that President Riggs was called east last month to meet the private secretary of Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, and that after a careful canvass of the situation they decided that it was necessary to raise \$40,000 at once in cash in order to replace the building that was burned last fall, pay all the indebtedness of the University, and keep the endowment funds intact for the purposes for which they were given. On this basis Mr. Rockefeller promised \$25,000 if the Baptists of Kansas would raise \$15,000.

We believe that these estimates are correct, and that it is very important now for every Baptist in the state to take an interest and help to make up this \$15,000. It is a crisis in our educational work and we should rise to the emergency.

In consultation with the Trustees of the University we have carefully made an estimate of the relative strength of the churches and suggested an apportionment of the sum needed from each church to meet this amount. We would urge our churches to give their hearty support to this movement, and to raise the sum asked and more if possible. We believe it of great importance to our denominational interests in the state that we come to the help of Ottawa at this time. Certainly we must meet the generous offer of Mr. Rockefeller.

Your Brethren,

W. R. WOOD, Chairman.

J. R. COMER, Secretary.

L. E. CHASE,

P. W. CRANNELL,

J. T. CRAWFORD,

E. B. MEREDITH,

J. D. S. RIGGS,

J. F. SHEARMAN,

C. L. TAYLOR,

Educational Commission.



OUR HELPERS,

TO ASSIST in gathering the contributions from the churches during the next few months, we are fortunate in having secured some men who are familiar with that sort of work. Rev. E. S. Graham, of Hannibal, Mo., is well known to many of our people through his canvass for the Central Baptist and his work in dedicating churches. He will be with us after the first of April. Rev. H. G. Fraser, who has been representing our University for some months, will continue his efficient service. These gentlemen, and probably others whom we may secure, who are favorably known in the state, will give their best efforts towards aiding President Riggs to make the campaign for this latest \$15,000 short and vigorous. We bespeak for them all a hearty welcome from our churches.

THE NEW BUILDING.

WORK on the new building is progressing quite satisfactorily during these pleasant spring days. It looks now as if the feeling of the calmer friends of the institution to the effect that there was no occasion for uneasiness about the completion of the new building was well grounded. The stone contractor is under bond to have his work completed in ample time so that the carpenters, plumbers, plasterers and painters can finish the buildings by the close of the summer vacation. The assurances of the president and the building committee that the building will be ready for occupancy by the first of next September have been consistently persisted in, and there seems to be increasingly good reason for resting upon them. The efforts of the friends of the University now should be directed towards the securing of funds with which to pay the workmen as the work proceeds, and there is no reason to fear that there will be any unnecessary lagging or delay in any stage of its progress. As this issue of the BULLETIN goes to press there is a force of nine stone masons at work on the walls of the building, besides the usual company of stone cutters and attendants and a squad of carpenters and helpers getting out timbers, girders, window and door frames, etc. The site of the new building is a busy place every day, and a continual inspiration to the loyal students and professors as they carry on their daily duties.

WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

MUCH enthusiasm has been aroused in Ottawa this year over the organization of a Women's Educational Society. The society is to work in harmony with the faculty and trustees of Ottawa University, and its special purpose is to give material, intellectual and spiritual aid to the girls of any department in the institution. The ladies of all denominations in the city have entered heartily into the work, and there is a growing interest in the girls of the school. Good reasons for the existence of such a